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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 16, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE:

--UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE RIGHT TO KILL,"
LITGAZ FEB 16 PUBLISHES A TELEPHONED REPORT FROM ITS
CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK ON THE MOST RECENT EFFORT TO
REOPEN THE CASE OF THE KILLING OF BLACK PANTHER LEADERS
BY CHICAGO POLICE IN 1969. HE SAYS THE CONDUCT OF THE
HEARING SHOWED ARROGANT DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

--A. BEL'SKAYA DESCRIBES THE LINGERING EFFECTS
OF MCCARTHYISM IN THE U.S. AND THE APPEARANCE OF A
FILM DEPICTING THAT PERIOD (LITGAZ).

--LITGAZ CONTINUES IT VENTILATION OF THE KRIMSKY
CASE WITH AN INTERVIEW OF V. SOFINSKIY, CHIEF OF MFA'S
PRESS SECTION (SEPTTEL).

--YURIY ZHUKOV "EXPOSES" IN PRAVDA HOW THE
U.S. MISREPRESENTS THE SIZE OF ITS UNEMPLOYMENT AND
WELFARE PAYMENTS TO FOREIGNERS BY TRANSLATING THESE
AMOUNTS INTO INFLATED FOREIGN CURRENCY EQUIVALENTS.

--VOTH IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA PRINT TEXT OF
CABLE SECRETARY VANCE SENT TO GROMYKO EXPRESSING THANKS
FOR CONGRATUALTIONS ON THE SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENT.

2. EUROPE:

--PRESS CAMPAIGN DETAILING HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN WEST CONTINUES IN IZVESTIYA WITH LONG
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TREATMENT OF ULSTER CASE FROM STRASBOURG, COMPANION
PIECE FROM LONDON ON CONTINUED VIOLATIONS IN NORTHERN
IRELAND AND THIRD ITEM ON CONSIDERATION OF ISRAELI
ISSUE IN GENEVA AT UNHRC. PRAVDA'S CONTRIBUTION IS TASS-PRAGUE
PIENCE SHOWING SUPPORT FOR STRONGER LINE BY REPLAYING RUDE PRAVO
ATTACK ON "ANTICOMMUNIST CAMPAIGN" IN WEST AIMED AT "SOCIALIST
COOPERATION", THUS IMPLYING THREAT TO ENTIRE BLOC.
ITEM MAKES NO DIRECT ATTACK ON CHARTER 77 AND FAILS
TO CLASSIFY CAMPAIGN AS ANTI-CZECH, TWO STANDARD POINTS
UP TO NOW.

--PRAVDA CARRIES REPORT FROM GENEVA ON OPENING
OF CCD SESSION AND IN SUMMARIZING LIKHACHEV ADDRESS
MAKES POINT THAT CTB, MDW AND CW ARE PRIME TOPICS FOR
THIS SESSION.

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3. MIDDLE EAST:

--IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY"

COLUMN BY V. BORISOV DESCRIBES ISRAEL'S HOSTILE ATTITUDE

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TOWARD UNSYG WALDHEIM'S RECENT VISIT AND TOWARD ANY
HINT OF SOFTENING ITS POSITION ON RETENTION OF THE ARAB
TERRITORIES. BORISOV NOTES SECRETARY VANCE'S FACT-FINDING

MISSION TO M.E. AND QUOTES SECRETARY ON "NECESSARY
PREPARATORY WORK" PRIOR TO GENEVA.

--TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE ON VANCE VISIT IN
KZ CITES "AMERICAN COLUMIST'S" (E.G., BALTIMORE SUN)
OPINION THAT TRIP IS SIGNIFICANTLY COMPLICATED
BY ABSENCE OF ACTUAL U.S. PLAN FOR M.E. SETTLEMENT. TEL
AVIV, CONCLUDES ARTICLE, INTERPRETS U.S. SUPPORT IT
HAS RECEIVED AS APPROVAL OF ITS EXPANSIONIST POLICY.

3. AFRICA:

--V. IORDANSKIY IN PRAVDA LAUNCHES TENDENTIOUS
ATTACK ON WESTERN (ESPICALLY U.S. AND NATO) POLICY
TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH, HE SAYS, IS DESIGNED TO CRUSH NATIONAL-
LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND SECURE SOUTHERN SHIPPING LANES.
HE ALSO GIVES SOVIET CRITIQUE OF RECENT WESTERN POLICY
TOWARD SMITH REGIME, PARTICULARLY ALLEGED NEW U.S.
THEORY ONLY SOUTH AFRICA CAN EXERT PRESSURE ON RHODESIA.

--KZ CARRIES TASS ARTICLE BASED ON INTERVIEW
WITH ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO. NETO COMPLAINS OF ENEMIES
OF REGIME (FLEX, FNLA, UNITA), STRESSES "IMPORTANT
SIGNIFICANCE" OF STRENGTHENING ANGOLAN DEFENSE CAPABILITY,
AND PRAISES SOVIET UNION AND CUBA FOR THEIR COOPERATION.

4. LATIN AMERICA:

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS PANAMA ARTICLE
ON STATEMENT BY PANAMANIAN FONMIN THAT PANAMA IS DETERMINED
TO REACH SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF NEW CANAL ZONE AGREEMENT
WITH U.S. KZ ARTICLE IS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COMMENTARY
DISPARAGING U.S. INTENTIONS RE ITS PRIVILEGES
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5. ASIA:

-- I. ZHCHEDEOV USES PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S
COLUMN" TO INDICATE EFFORT OF IMPERIALIST INTELLIGENCE
SERVICES TO ORGANIZE SPECIAL ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES IN
THAILAND, SOUTH KOREA, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA
AND SINGAPORE. EXAMPLES CITED INCLUDE RECENT MEETING
VF COMMANDERS OF SUCH SPECIAL FORCES AT THAI
MILITARY TRAINING BASE IN LOLBURI (PHONETIC) PROVINCE
AND RECENT JOINT THAI-MALAY OPERATION IN SOUTHERN
THAILAND.

--PRAVDA'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN BANGKOK

REPORTS TRANSFER OF THREE LAOTIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT
BACK TO THAT COUNTRY FROM THAILAND. EVENT IS DESCRIBED
AS STEP IN PATH TOWARD NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO
COUNTRIES. AUTHOR ALSO MENTIONS EARLIER TRANSIT
AGREEMENT WHICH ALLOWS SOVIET GOODS (E.G., AGRICULTURAL
MACHINERY) TO REACH VIENTIANE FROM PORT OF BANGKOK.

--PRAVDA NOTES PYONGYANG SIGNING OF 1977
SOVIET-DPRK AGREEMENT ON TRADE TURNOVER AFTER NEGOTIATIONS
CONDUCTED IN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRIENDLY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
AND BUSINESSLIKE COOPERATION." SOVIETS WILL SUPPLY
PRIMARILY MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT, OIL, OIL PRODUCTS
AND COKE, WHILE DPRK WILL PROVIDE CEMENT, ROLLED IRON,
MACHINE TOOLS, AND READY-MADE GARMENTS.
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